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SUBJ: PERUVIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN, SEPTEMBER 10-15

1. PERUVIAN PRIME MINISTER MERCADO ARRIVED IN MADRID SEPTEMBER 10 FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT AS GUEST OF GOS VIA PALMA DE MALLORCA FROM ALGIERS. MOST OF HIS VISIT WILL BE DEVOTED TO SIGHTSEEING. HOWEVER, MERCADO, CALLED ON MINISTER OF THE ARMY, LT. GEN. COLOMA, PRESUMABLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER OF WAR, AND THEN HAD WHAT PRESS REPORTED AS "EXTENSIVE MEETING" WITH PRIMIN CARRERO BLANCO.

2. MERCADO TOLD PRESS AGENCY CIFRA THAT SPAIN WOULD CONTRIBUTE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID TO PLANNED PERUVIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT INVOLVING 60,000 HECTARS IN AREQUIPA DEPARTMENT. REPORT-EDLY, HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN OBTAINING CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF MINING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT IN SPAIN.

3. COMMENT: CALL ON COLOMA SUGGESTS POSSIBLE PERUVIAN INTEREST ALSO IN SPANISH MILITARY EQUIPMENT.
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